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E. O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 12-31-73

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SUBJECT: DEPSECVISIT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST

1. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK AIRCRAFT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR MAC VC-135/24130 ( ALTERNATE AIRCRAFT 24125) FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING VIP CODE 2, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE RUSH AND PARTY OF 16. AIRCRAFT CALL SIGN WILL BE SAM 24130 OR SAM 24125. AIRCRAFT COMMANDER IS CAPT. EDWARD C. CARLSON WITH CREW OF 17 AND 4 U. S. MILITARY ARMED SECURITY POLICE TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT SECURITY, ALL U. S. CITIZENS.

2. AIRCRAFT ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS, ALL TIMES APRIL, ZULU:  
DEPARTING HONG KONG 172300 AIRCRAFT WILL ENTER BANGLADESH AT CHARLIE ALPHA 2126 N 9214 E 180330, ADRG 63 LANDING DACCA/ TEZGAON 180410. DEPARTING DACCA 180900 ADR R63 MEHER 180930, NEXT LANDING AT DELHI 181125.

3. REQUEST APPROXIMATELY 60,000 LBS JET FUEL UPON LANDING,  
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GROUND TRANSPORT FOR THE CREW, AND GROUND AIR CONDITIONER FOR AIRCRAFT DURING SCHEDULED GROUND TIME. ADDITIONALLY, AIRCRAFT WILL REQUIRE ONE MA-1 A AIRCRAFT, ONE MD-3 POWER CART ( OR EQUIVALENT), FLEET SERVICE, AND ONE SET OF PASSENGER SERVICE STEPS 10 FEET HIGH. REQUEST POWER CART BE PLUGGED INTO AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATELY UPON BLOCKING IN AND PRIOR TO ENGINE SHUTDOWN.

4. EMBASSY' S ASSISTANCE WITH THIS MATTSOMOZA- OWNED NOVEDADES CARRIED AN

EDITORIAL PAGE COMMENTARY AGREEING THAT THE PACK SHOULD BE REVISED. THE ARTICLE ADDED THAT, SINCE " FIRST CLASS" ELECTIONS COULD NOT BE HELD BECAUSE THE EMERGENCY AND RECONSTRUCTION WOULD LAST BEYOND 1974, THE COUNTRY SHOULD HAVE " SECOND CLASS" ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WOULD ELECT THE PRESIDENT, WHO WOULD PRESUMABLY BE GENERAL SOMOZA. ON APR 11 THE ELECTIONS QUESTION HIT THE FRONT PAGES AND DOMINATED RADIO NEWS REPORTS WHEN LIBERAL PARTY SECRETARY AND CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT CORNELIO HUECK TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE COUNTRY WAS NOT A POSITION TO SPEND LARGE SUMS ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS WHICH THE PEOPLE DID NOT WANT ANYWAY AND CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT ELECTIONS WOULD NOT BE HALD IN 1974. HUECK SUGGESTED THAT A POSSIBLE SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR THE ASSEMBLY TO ELECT THE NEW PRESIDENT, WHICH WOULD BE GENERAL SOMOZA SINCE THE LIBERAL MAJORITY UNANIMOUSLY FAVORED HIM. COMMENT: GENERAL SOMOZA HAS ALWAYS INSISTED ON RECEIVING HIS PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE DIRECTLY FROM THE PEOPLE AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN 1974. SOMOZA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THESE CONTRARY VIEWS FROM HIS PARTY ARE UNAUTHORIZED COMMENTS AND THAT HE HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT THEY NOT BE REPEATED.  
END COMMENT.

2. ON APR 12 PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO USED HIS OPPOSITION DAILY LA PRENSA FOR A TENDENTIOUS LEAD EDITORIAL ATTACKING " MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY" FOR HAVING ARRANGED THE AGUERO- SOMOZA POLITICAL PACT AND DESTROYED THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY ( PCN). THIS, ACCORDING TO CHAMORRO, MADE POSSIBLE A POST- EARTHQUAKE NICARAGUA WITH " THE LEAST ORTHODOX AND LEAST DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN ITS HISTORY.". CHAMORRO ALLEGES THAT IF THE US CONGRESS WERE TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EMBASSY IN NICARAGUA IT WOULD FIND THEM MORE REPREHENSIBLE THEN ITT' S OR THE CIA' S IN CHILE BECAUSE " HERE WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH THE INTERVENTION OF A COMPANY OR PRIVATE CORPORATION OR THE MYSTERIOUS CIA BUT RATHER OF THE VERY EMBASSY ITSELF". THE  
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EDITORIAL CLOSES BY REPEATING " NORTH AMERICAN POLICY IN THIS COUNTRY DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN OPENLY INTERVENTIONIST, AND WE ASSERT ( AT LEAST BY ITS FRUITS TO DATE) THAT THIS INTERVENTION HAS ONCE MORE SHOWN ITSELF TO BE REGRETTABLE." COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST LA PRENSA ATTACK ON THE EMBASSY SINCE NICARAGUA' S LARGEST SELLING NEWSPAPER RESUMED PUBLICATION IN EARLY MARCH. GIVEN CHAMORRO' S PAST PERFORMANCE ( HE HAS MADE THE SAME CHARGES PREVIOUSLY) IT WAS UNEXPECTED AND MORE SUCH ATTACKS ON THE EMBASSY AND ITS STAFF CAN BE EXPECTED. END COMMENT.

3. THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WALKOUT ( MANAGUA 1961 AND 1998) CONTINUES TO SPREAD. THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED UNION ( SCAAS) IS PROTESTING THE POST EARTHQUAKE LENGTHENING OF THE WORK WEEK AND IS DEMANDING OVERTIME FOR ANY HOURS WORKED OVER 48. THE WALKOUT APPEARS TO BE OVER 70 PERCENT EFFECTIVE ALTHOUGH SOME COMPANIES REPORT A FEW WORKERS TRICKLING BACK AS THE SHUTDOWN STRETCHES TO A WEEK. THESE FEW DEFECTIONS AT SOME OF THE FIRST JOBS IDLED ARE BEING MORE THAN MADE UP BY SCAAS WHICH ORDERS NEW WALKOUTS EACH DAY CLOSING DOWN A LARGER AND LARGER PERCENTAGE OF THE INDUSTRY. COMMENT: SCAAS' S DEMANDS ENJOY WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FROM THE WHOLE LABOR MOVEMENT ALTHOUGH CONSTRUCTION IS ONE OF THE FEW INDUSTRIES TO HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION FOR THE EXTENDED WORK WEEK. PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR A RETURN TO THE STANDARD WORKWEEK IS GROWING. AT LEAST ONE LARGE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS SOME OF ITS JOBS ON A 48- HOUR WEEK. END COMMENT.

4. THE PCN SPLIT BETWEEN PAGUANDA AND AGUERO CONTINUES AS THE NATIONAL CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE ENDING OF THE TERMS OF APPEALS COURT JUDGES TO REPLACE PRO- AGUERO JUDGES WITH PAGUAGUA SUPPORTERS AT ITS APRIL 11 SESSION. 27 OF THE 40 PCN DEPUTIES WALKED OUT INDICATING THAT AGUERO CONTINUES TO ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF HIS PARTY' S LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION. MOST LIBERAL PARTY JUDGES WERE REAPPOINTED FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEAR TERM.

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